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Development **(195 /) Department.**

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G.O. NO.	6174
	Confidential
Dated	15-12-1951

[Despatch Abstract.]

Acts + rules — Supply and prices of Goods Act-1950 — Review of — Blackmarketing of Caustic Soda + Soda Ash Report of Enquiry by the Anti Blackmarketing Staff — Delegation of Powers under Section 4(1) of the Act — Inclusion of additional Commodities — Correspondence with the G of I — Papers Recorded.

Routine Notes.

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1. Call Book Extract re. Controlled Goods.
2. Review of prices of Goods Act. (6174)
3. 126208 - S.O.I. note re: prices of Goods Act.

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	Quarterly		
79	Industries - Sericulture - Acreage under mulberry cultivation in Madras - Quarterly report.	D. I & C.	10th of each quarter i.e. 10-1-0-53 (for the Quarter ended 30.9.53)
	Monthly		
52	Industries - Sericulture - Govt Cocoon markets - Transactions of cocoons - Monthly report.	D. I & C	15th of each month
	~~Quarterly~~ Monthly		
35A	Acts - Supply & Prices of Goods Act, 1950 - Controlled Commodities - Actual prices as on 1st of every month	Bd of Revenue (Civil Supplies) & Director of Industries & Commerce.	7th of each month
	Quarterly		
88-B	Acts - S.P.G. Act 1950 - Quarterly Report on the working of the Act.	Bd of Revenue (Civil Supplies) & D. I & C	20th of each month following the quarter. 20-4-53 20-7-53 20-10-53 20-1-54
	Acts - Supply & Prices of Goods Act 1950 - Quarterly Report on the price, supply position etc of bicycles, cycle parts & accessories, Electric bulbs	Bd of Revenue (Civil Supplies).	15th of each quarter. 15-4-53 15-7-53 15-10-53 15-1-54

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No. PC-2(22)/51
Government of India
Ministry of Commerce and Industry

New Delhi, the 3rd March 1951

To

All State Governments (A, B & C)

(list of addresses attached).

Subject: Supply and Prices of Goods Act, 1950

Sir,

As State Governments are aware, the supply and Prices of Goods Ordinance, 1950 was promulgated on the 2nd September 1950 and it has since been replaced by an Act of Parliament on the 23rd December 1950.

2. It is proposed to review the working of this legislation at a meeting of the Prices Advisory Board to be convened shortly. I am to request that a report on the working of this Act in your State may kindly be sent to this Ministry so as to be received on or before the 15th of March 1951. If the State Government has any suggestions to make regarding additions to. or alterations, in the list of goods controlled by this Act, they may kindly be forwarded to this Ministry before that date, together with a statement showing the monthly prices of these goods since 1st June 1950 at two or three principal centres in the State.

Sd. B.B. Baksena
Deputy Secretary to Government of India

//// True copy////

Dev. (G)

Copy of D.O. No. 25581 G/51-1 dated 7-3-51

My dear Subba Rao,

Sub: Supply and Prices of Goods Act 1950- Reviewing of

Ref: Sri B.B. Saksena's letter No. PC-2(22)/51 dated 3.3.51

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I am directed to enclose a copy of the letter cited and to request you to offer your remarks and suggestions if any, to make additions to or alterations in the list of goods controlled by the Act very urgently before 12-3-51 as the Government of India require it before 15-3-51.

V.K./7.3.51

To
Sri K. Subba Rao, B.A.,
Secretary to C.C.S.
2. Sri M.T. Raju, I.C.S.,
Director of Industries and Commerce

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True copy

Copy of D.O. No. 25581 G/51-2 dated 13-3-51

Sub: Supply and Prices of Goods Act 1950-
Reviewing of

Ref: My D.O. No. 25881 G/51-1 dated 7-3-51

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I am directed to invite your attention to the D.O. cited and to request you to send your reply immediately through special messenger as reply to Government of India is due before 15-3-51.

V.K/ 13.3.51

Sd. xxxxxx
Deputy Secretary

To
Sri K. Subba Rao B.A.,
Secrtary to C.C.S.

Sri M.T. Raju, I.C.S.,
[redacted]
Director of Industries
& Commerce

True copy.

Copy of Ref No. 39629/51/M3-1 CS dated 12-3-51 from the Director of Civil Supplies to the Secretary to the Government Development Department. Madras.

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Ref: Govt.(Development Department) D.O. No. 25581/G/ 51-1 dated 7.3.51

With reference to the D.O. letter cited, the Board submits the following report:

The Board exercises control over Bicycles, bicycle parts and acessories, cycle tyres, tubes, electric bulbs, raw rubber, case in and infants feeds. Soon after the promulgation of the Supply and Prices of Goods Ordinance, on 2nd September 1950, the Board in consultation with the trade representatives fixed ceiling prices to be adopted in the Madras State by the dealers in respect of bicycles, tyres and tubes, infants' feeds (Glaxo, Cow & Gate and Horlicks), electirc bulbs and razor blades (7 O' Clock blades). These prices were based on these prevailing on the 15th June 1950 reported by the trade and they were approved for the convenience of administration pending fixation of prices for these goods by the Government of India. So far the Government of India have fixed prices for electric bulbs, infants' foods and bicycle tyres and tubes) only.

2. Some cases of violation of the Ordinance were brought to the notice of the Board. Wherever some technical irregularities were involved, the dealers were let off with mere warnings, taking into consideration the fact that they were committed during the early stages of the control period. But in the case of two dealers, one in Madras City and another in Madurai, the Board and the Collector of Madurai have sanctioned prosecutions of the dealers for the offence of refusing to sell Horlicks when having ready stocks.

3. The Collectors have been asked to submit to the Board a statement showing the number of cases booked under the Supply and Prices of Goods Act every month. From the reports so far received, there has been no case of prosecution other than those mentioned above.

4. During the middle of November 1950, the Government of India removed the control over blades and added 'Ostermilk' to the list of Infants' foods and brought cycle spare parts and accessories under the scope of the Ordinance.

5. The Supply and Prices of Goods Act can be said to be working satisfactorily in the State of Madras. No complaints have been received from the public about the non availability of the goods coming under the Act. The market is fairly easy and the dealers are adhering to the Prices fixed by the Government of India, and in regard to the Goods for which prices have not been fixed by the Government of India, they adhere to the prices approved by the authorities of the State Government. In this connection, the Board invites the attention of the Government to its Ref. 31074/51/M3-2 CS dated 26.2.51 wherein it has submitted particulars regarding the price of goods as they prevailed on the 1st of each month from November 1950 to February 1951 in Madras City and Madurai town. From the reports received from the City Rationing Officer, Madras and the Collector of Madurai in that connection, it was noticed that except in the case of infants' foods, the prices wherever fixed by the Government of India, have been somewhat higher than what were prevailing here.

6. As regards the question of addition to or alteration in the list of goods controlled by the Act, the Board invites attention to Govt. D.O. No. 88259 MI/50-1 dated 30-8-50 in reply to which it had suggested in its Ref. 105857/50/M3 CS dated 4-9-50 that the following commodities might be brought under the scope of the Ordinance.

i) Thermoses
ii) Fountain pen.
iii) Fountain pen inks(The question of exercising control over Parker Quink Ink is already under the consideration of the Government of India- vide Govt Memo No. 106305 G/50-5 Development dated 26-2-51)

iv) Watches, clocks and time pieces
v) Optical lenses
vi) Spectacle frames
vii) Camphor
viii) Mercury
and ix) Black lead pencils

The Board requests that the above mentioned goods may be added to the list of goods covered by the supply and Prices of Goods Act, 1950.

7. The Board also invites the attention of the Government to its Ref. 135267/M3 CS dated 28.10.50 in which it has suggested to the Government tat dhalls, edible oils, condiments and chillies should be brought under the purview of section 10(3) of the Act. These articles may also be added to the schedule to the Act under Section 3 of the Act.

8. As regards information regarding the prices of the above metnioned goods since 1st June 1950, the Board submits that there is very little time to get the information from the Collectors of the districts and the City Rationing Officer, Madras since the Govt wanted the report by 12-3-51. The Board however feels that it is quite unlikely that the prices of these articles will show any appreciable downward trend since June last.

9. The Board has already reported in its Ref. 11481/51 M3 dated 27.2.51 that there is no need to control the price of Lactogen in view of the fact that there has been no increse in its price in recent months, that its supply position is easier and that any control of prices would merely shut out competition and that sales are usually made at the maximum prices where prices are fixed.

10. The Board requests to be informed of the decision of the Govt of India in the matter in due course.

Dev. Dept.

Please see the report on pp. 9-10 above, the report from D.I. & C is also necessary to send a report to Government of India. A draft D.O. is submitted for approval.

xxxxx/16.3.51

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Copy of letter No. 1847 A 1/51 dated 15th March'~~52~~ '51 from the Director of Industries and Commerce, Madras. 6 to the Secretary to Government Development Department, Madras.

Sub: Supply and Prices of Goods Act 1950 - Reviewing of

Ref: D.O. No. 25581 G/51 Development dated 7-3-51

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To my mind the one result that can be claimed to have been achieved as a result of the Supply and Prices of Goods Act 1950 Act, is that the act has served to generate a feeling among the dealers that Government are actively watching the market trends in regard to the various commodities controlled under the Act and hat if necessary, Government may even launch severe measures in order to suppress hoarding and profiteering. It is conceivable that in the absence of the Act, the prices of the most of the controlled commodities might have risen to still further abnormal levels.

2. On the otherhand, consequent on the promulgation of the Act, a number of the controlled commodities had become more saarece than before. The stock returns show that most of the controlled commodities are not available at all or that they are available in extremely limited quantities only. The most notable commodities which have become most sacrce subsequent to the promulgation of the Act are Caustic Soda and Soda and Soda Ash. While most of the stock returns in regard to Soda Ash andCaustic Soda are nil, it is common knowledge that both these commodities are available, though in limited quantities, in black market. In the case of caustic soda, enquires show that it could be prcured in the black marekt at prices ranging from Rs. 55/- to Rs. 65 per cwt., whereas the price according to the Act should not exceed Rs. 40/- 65 per cwt., whereas the price according to the Act should not exceed Rs40/- per cwt. The availability of the Controlled materials in the black market is made possible as a result of fictitious sales effected by the dealers. Unless he dealers are precluded from effecting sales except under permits issued by a competent authority to be nominated in this behalf, it will not be possible to prevent blackmarketing on their part.

As regards additions to or alteration in the list of goods controll by the Act, I have no suggestions to make.

///// True copy /////

Dev. (G) Dept.

Letter No. 25581 G/51-3 dated 21.3.51

To
The Secretary to Government of India
Ministry of Commerce and Industry,
New Delhi

Sir,

Sub: Supply and Prices of Goods Act 1950 - Review

Ref: Government of India's letter No PC-2 (22)/51 dated 3.3.51

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With reference to the letter cited, I am directed to state that the supply and Prices of Goods Act has been working satisfactorily in this State. The market is fairly easy in respect of most of the goods except Soda Ash and Caustic Soda. The dealers are adhering to the prices fixed by Government of India andthese approved by the authorities of this State Government. In this connection I am to draw the attention of the Government of India to this Government's letter 20489/G/51-3, dated 27-2-51 wherein the Prices of articles as they prevailed on the 1st of each month from November 1950 to February 1951 were given. It will be noticed from the statement that the prices fixed by Government of India in respect of goods, except Infant's goods are higher than the prevailing prices here. This anomoly could be set right if the State Govts have powers under section 4(1) to fix the prices. I am therefore to request Government of India to reconsider their decision conveyed in their letter this Government with powers under section 4(1) to fix the prices of articles. I am also to request Government of India to reconsider their decision conveyed in their letter No.1(4)-32(24)/50, dated 28-9-1950 and delegate this Government with powers under section 4(1) to fix the prices of articles. I am also to request Government of India to fix early the price of Cow and gate milk food as there have been complaints regarding its price in this State.

2. There have been some cases of violation of the provisions of the Act. The dealers were let off with

a warning when these have been only technical irregularities taking into consideration the fact that they were committed during the early stages of the control period. But in two cases prosecution has been sanctioned.

3. As regards the question of addition to or alterations in the list of goods controlled by the Act, I am to invite the attention of Government of India to Sri Viswanatha Iyyar's D.O. 88259/MI/50-6, dated 7-9-50 to Sri Bhoothalingam wherein recommendation of this Govt to include some more articles are given and to state that this Government reiterates the previous recommendation to include these goods under the Supply and Prices of Goods Act. As this review to Govt. of Inida was required urgently it was not possible to obtain detailed prices of these articles from the Districts. But I am to state it is unlikely that the prices of these artilces will show any downward trend since June last.

4. I am also to request that early steps may be taken to fix up the prices of other articles.

V.K./21.3.51 xxxxxx
21.3.51

Copy of Telegram ~~dated~~ No. PC-2(22)/51 dated 25th March'51 From Comind O.P. New Delhi to Devment Madras.

OUR LETTER PC- 2(2)/51 March 3rd working of supply and Prices of Goods Act 1950. Please expedite Report --- Comind.

Reply has been already been sent. This may be lodged.

V.K./26.3

//True copy//

Dev.(G) Dept.

Memorandum No. 2558/G/51-4 dated 31-3-51

Sub: The Supply and Prices of Goods Act 1950 - Caustic Soda and Soda Ash.

Ref: From the Director of Industries and Commerce 1847 AI/51, dated 15-3-51

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It is noticed from the letter cited that Caustic Soda and Soda Ash is available in Black market though in limited quantity. The D.I.& C is requested to take necessary action in consulation with the Anti Black marketing staff to preven this ~~xxx~~ black marketing and report to Government before 204-51.

J.I. A.I.C V.K./27.3.51 xxxxx/28.3

////True copy////

Government of Madras
Development Department

Memorandum No. 25581 G/51-5 dated 4-4-51

Sub: Supply and Prices of Goods Act, Soda Ash

Ref: From the Director of Industries and Commerce
No. 1847 A/51 dated 15-3-51

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With reference to the suggestion of the Director of Industries and Commerce to preclude the dealers in Soda Ash to effect sales of Soda Ash except through permits it is observed that previously distribution of Soda Ash was done by ~~kk~~ permits and was subsequently given up. The Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies) and Director of Industries and Commerce are requested to state how the distribution was previously due and why it was given up. Government Orders, if any, on the subject may be specified.

V.Kasturi Rangaswamy,
Asst. Secretary to Government

To The Director of Industries and Commerce
The Board of Revenue

////True copy///

Copy of letter No. PC-2(22)/51 dated 12th April 1951 from the Under Secretary to the Government of India to the Secretary to the Govt. of Madras Development Department, Madras.

Sub: Supply and Prices of Goods Act, 1950.

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I am directed to refer to the correspondence resting with your letter No. 25581 G/51-3 dated the 21st March 1951 on the above subject and to request that this Ministry may kindly be furnished immediately with a statement showing the monthly prices of additional commodities since 1st June 1950.

sd. S.A.R. Chary,
For Under Secretary to Govt. of India.

///True copy///

Development (G) Department

D.O. No. 25581 G/51-6 dated 16-4-51

My dear Subba Rao,

Sub: Supply and Prices of Goods Act, 1950-
Prices of additional commodities

Ref: Boards Ref. No. 105857/50/M 3 (CS) dated 4-9-50

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I am to invite your attention to the Board's reference cited and to request you to send a statement showing the monthly prices of additional commodities specified in para 1 of the Board's reference cited since 1st June 1950 as the Government of India require it immediately. The reply may kindly be sent before 20-4-51.

Y.S/ 16.4.51

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To
Sri K.Subba Rao, B.A.,
Secretary to C.C.S.

/// True copy///

Copy of Ref. No. 39629/51 M.3.2 CS dated 13.4.51 from the Joint Secretary Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies) to the Secretary to Govt. Development Department.

Sub: The Supply and Prices of Goods Act - Working - Reveiw of and suggestions for inclusion in the schedule to the Act.

Ref: 1. Government Development Department D.O. No. 25581 G/51-1 dated 7-3-51
2. Board's Ref. No. 39629/51/M.3-1(CS) dated 12.3.51

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The Board invites the attention of the Government to its reference cited and requests to be informed of the orders of Government of India with regard to additions or alterations to the list of commodities coming under the purivew of the Supply and Prices of Goods Act. 1950.

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Copy of letter No. 39629-M3-3(CS) dated 20-4-51 from the Joint Secretary Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies) to the Secretary to Government Development Department Madras.

SUB: Supply and Prices of Goods Act 1950 - Prices of additional commodities - Furnished

Ref: Government D.O. No. 25581/G/51-6 Development dated 16-4-51

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With reference to the D.O. letter cited, the Board submits that as the Government wanted a list showing the monthly prices since June 1950, of the additional commodities referred to in para 1 of Board's reference No. 105857/50 M.3 (CS) dated 4-9-50 to be furnished to them before the 20th instant, for want of time, enquiry was confined to the Madrs City only. The information thus obtained through the City Rationing Officer, Madras is furnished in the list submitted herewith.

//// True copy///

Statement showing the prices of certain articles

Sl. No (1)	Name of the commodity (2)	June 1950 (3)	July 1950 (4)	august 1950 (5)	Septem-ber'50 (6)	Octo-ber'50 (7)	Novem-ber'50 (8)	December'50 (9)	January '51 (10)	Feb ruary'51 (11)	March '51 (12)	April '51 (13)	Remarks (14)
1.	Themoses (1 Pint)	Rs.6/-	Rs.6/-	Rs.6/8/-	Rs.6/-	Rs.7/-	Rs.6.8.0	.6.8.0	Rs.9/-	Rs.9/8/0	Rs.10/-	Rs.11/-	
2.	Fountain Pens and Fountain pen Inks												
	(i) Parker	Rs.40	Rs40./-	Rs.40/-	Rs.40/-	Rs.40/-	Rs.40/-	s.40/-	Rs.40/-	Rs.40/-	Rs.40/-	Rs.40/-	
	(ii) Lifetime (Parker)	Rs.65/-	Rs.65/-	Rs.65/-	Rs.65/-	Rs.65/-	Rs.65/-	s.65/-	Rs.65/-	Rs.65/-	Rs.65/-	Rs.65/-	
	(iii) Swan	Rs.11-14-0	11-14-0	11-14-0	11-14-0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
	Quink Ink(20z)	1-12-0	1-12-0	1-12-0	1-12-0	1-12-0	1-12-0	-12-0	2-8-0	2-8-0	2-8-0	2-8-0	
	Swan Ink	0-12-0	0-12-0	0-12-0	0-12-0	0-12-0	0-12-0	-12-0	0-12-0	0-12-0	0-12-0	0-12-0	
	Watermen's Ink	Rs.1/-	Rs.1/-	Rs.1/-	Rs.1/-	Rs.1/-	Rs.1/-	.1/-	Rs.1/-	Rs.1/-	Rs.1/-	1- 0- 0	
3.	Watches, Clocks and time pieces												
	i. Western watches	Rs.144/-	Rs.144/-	Rs.144/-	Rs.144/-	Rs.144/.	Rs.144/-	.144/-	Rs.144/-	Rs.144/- 126/	Rs.144/-	Rs.151/-	
	ii. Meridian Watches	Rs.126/-	Rs.126/-	Rs.126/-	Rs.126/-	Rs.126/-	Rs.126/-	.126/-	Rs.126/-	Rs.126/-	Rs.132	Rs.132/-	
	iii. Clocks	65/-	65/-	65/-	65/-	65/-	65/-	65/-	65/-	65/-	65/-	65/-	
	iv. Time Pieces West clock, Good morning	18/8/0	18/8/-	18/8/-	18/8	18/8	18/8	18/8	18/8	18/8	22/8	22/8/0	
4.	Optical Lenses	Rs.7/-	Rs.7/-	Rs.7/-	Rs.7/-	Rs.7/-	Rs.7/-	Rs.7/-	Rs.7/-	Rs.7/-	Rs.7/-	Rs.7/-	
5.	Spectacle frames	Rs.12/-	Rs.12/-	Rs.12/-	Rs.12/-	Rs.12/-	Rs.12/-	Rs.12/-	Rs.12/-	Rs.12/-	Rs.12/-	Rs.12/-	
6.	Camphor (per lb)	Rs. 6/-	Rs.6/-	Rs.6/8	Rs.6/8/-	Rs.6/8/-	Rs.7/-	Rs.7/-	Rs.7/-	Rs.7/-	Rs.6/8/	Rs.6/-	
7.	Mercury(One barrel of 75 lbs)	Rs.275/-	Rs.370/-	Rs.370/-	Rs.330/-	Rs.305/-	Rs.600/-	Rs.700/-	Rs.700/-	Rs.600/-	Rs.600/-	Rs.500/-	
8.	Black lead pencils												
	i. Star of India	0-2-0	0-2-0	0-2-0	0-2-0	0-2-0	0-2-0	2-0	0-2-0	0-2-0	0-2-0	0-2-0	
	ii. American pencils	0-3-0	0-3-0	0-3-0	0-3-0	0-3-0	0-3-0	3-0	0-3-0	0-3-0	0-3-0	0-3-0	

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Development (G) Department

Letter No. 25581 G/51-7 dated 24-4-51.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India ,
Ministry of Commerce and Industry,
New Delhi(with encls)

Sir,

Sub: Supply and Prices of Goods Act 1950-
Prices of addtional commodities.

Ref: Sri S.A.R. Chary's letter No. Pc-2(22)
/51 dated 12-4-51

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With reference to Sri S.A.L. Chary's letter cited I am directed to enclose a statement showing the monthly prices of additional commodities since 1st June 1950.

V.K/ 24.4.51

xxx/24.4.

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Copy of letter No. 1847/A1/51 dated 19th April'51 from the Director of Industries and Commerce to the Secretary to Government Development Department, Madras. 9.

Sub: The Supply and Prices of Goods Act 1950 - Caustic Soda and Soda Ash

Ref: Government Memorandum No. 25581/G/51-4 Development dated 31/3/1951

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In the memorandum cited Government have asked me to take necessary action in consultation with the Anti Black Marketing Staff, to prevent black marketing in the sale of caustic soda and soada ash, and to submit a report to Government in the matter before 20-4-1951. A Police Officer of the Anti Black Marketing staff, deputed by the Inspector General of Police, Madras has xxxff been given a list of stockists and names of persons likely to furnish useful information on the subject, particulars of reported balck marketing. He has promised to make enquires and report in due course.

///. True copy///

Copy of reference No. 39629/51/M.3 (CS)-4 dated 10.5.51 from the Joint Secretary Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies) Madras to the Secretary to Government Development Department Madras.

Sub: Supply and Prices of Goods Act 1950- Working - Review of and suggestions for inclusions in the Schedule to the Act

Ref: Government (Development) Department D.O. No. 25581/G/51 dated 7.3.51

2. Bd's Ref. No. 39629 /52 M.3-1 dated 12-3-51
3. -do- dated 13-4-51

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The Board invites the attention of the Government to the References cited and requests to be informed of the orders of Government passed if any.

///True copy///

Copy of reference L.Dis 60968/51/M3 CS dated 15.5.1951 from the Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies) to the Secretary to Government Development Madras.

Sub: The Supply and Prices of Goods Act 1950- Soda Ash - Distribution of Information- Furnished.

Ref: Government Development Department Memorandum No. 25581/G/51-5 dated 4.4.1951

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With reference to the Government Memorandum cited the Board submits that there was no statutory rationing of Soda Ash in the State but there was an informal rationing of the commodity to the members of the w shermen community through M/S Imperial Chemical Industries (India) Ltd., Madras who were the largest importers of the product during the year 1947. The Government in their Memorandum No. 33990/K/47-1 (Food) dated 6-8-1947 approved the system of distribution made by M/S Imperial Chemical Industries (India) Ltd., and ordered that no statutory control over the sale or distribution of the chemical was necessary.

///True copy///

Government of Madras.

Development Department
Memorandum No. 25581 G/51-9 dated 24-5-51

Sub: The Supply and Prices of Goods Act 1950 - Caustic Soda and Soda Ash - Distribution of

Ref: From the Board of Revenue No. L. Dis 60968/51 M3 (C.S) dated 15.5.51

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The Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies) is requested to state whether Caustic Soa and Soda ash are available for sale in the market at present at notified prices and if not the Board is requested to state whether the Government of India may be addressed to regulate the distribution of the chemicals by permits under section 13(c) of the supply and Prices of Goods Act 1950 (LXX of 1950). The Board is requested to submit a detailed report by 10-7-51 in consultation with the Director of Industries and Commerce.

2. The Board is also requested to furnish a copy of Government Memorandum No. 33990 K/47-1 Food Dated 6.8.47 as it has been destroyed.

xxxxx/24.5.51

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Copy of Board of Reference No. 90091/51/M3-4 CS dated 5.6.195 from the Board of Revenue Civil Supplies to the secretary to Government, Development Department Madras

Sub: The Supply and Prices of Goods Act 1950- Caustic Soda and Soda ash - Availability in the market at controlled prices - Report called for.

Ref: Govt Development Department Memo No. 25581/G/51 dated 24.5.51

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The Board submits a copy of Government Memorandum No. 33990/K/47-1 dated 6.8.47 together with a copy of Board's L. Dis 84275/M/47 CS dated 28-7-47

//// True copy////

Copy of Memorandum No. 33990-K/47-1 Food Department dated 6th August, 1947.

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Sub: Chemicals - Washing Soda - Supply of

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Ref: From the General Secretary, Madras Provincial Washing Workers' Association petition addressed to the Hon'Ble Minister (Industries) dated 6th June 1947

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The General Secretary, Madras Provincial Washing Workers' Association is informed that if some washermen here and there have not been issued ration cards to purchase washing soda, it is open to those individuals or to the Association to represent such cases to Messrs. Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd and get their names registered. Messrs. Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., have assured the Government that if any of their authorised dealers in the city is found guilty of malpractice drastic action will be taken against them. As regards the question of improving the present system of distribution of the chemical by the various dealers, it has been suggested to the firm not to permit reatial sales of the chemical to persons other than befafide card - holders by the dealers in Rasappa Chetty St., G.T. Madras and to allot a specific number of washermen to each T.U.C.S Depot, to arrange for the issue of ration cards to these washermen and to allot to these depots quantities of the chemical in proportion to the number of ration card holders linked to each depot. The Government consider that the above arrangement should prove to be adequate especially in view of the recent slight improvement in the supply position of the chemical and that it is not therefore necessary to impose any statutory control over the sale or distribution of the chemical.

sd/- P. V. Subba Row,

Secretary to Govt.

/// True copy///

Copy of the Board's L. Dis No. 84275 M/47 dated 28.7.47

Sub: Washing Soda - Supply of Representation from the Madras Provincial Washing Workers' Association, Madras Remarks - Submitted

Read: 1. Government Endt No. 39990 H/47-1 (Food) dated 17.6.47
2. From Messrs. Imperial Chemical Industries (India) Ltd., Madras dated 9.7.1947
3. From the Special Commercial Tax Officer, Madras dated 21.7.1947

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With reference to the Government Endorsement first cited the Board submits herewith copies of the reports received from the Imperial Chemical Industries (India) Ltd., Madras and the Special Commercial Tax Officer, Madras second and third cited and offers the following remarks.

The report of the Imperial Chemical Industries is self explanatory and meets all the points raised by the Madras Provincial Washing Workers' Association in their letter dated 4.6.47 to Government. The Board considers that the informal rationing system followed by the Imperial Chemical Industries in the distribution of washing soda to the members of washermen community is generally satisfactory and affords some relief to the washermen subject to the limitation of such a system. It may be that a small number of washermen here and there might not have reeived their ration cards but it is open to them or to their Association to represent to the Imperial Chemical Chemical Industries or their travellers and get their names registered. Under any rationing scheme, it is the party who needs a particular article that must take steps to obtain his ration card if his name has not been included in the normal course. As a matter of fact, a preliminary survey of washermen localities in the city and the enumeration of washermen families in each area were conducted by the Imperial Chemical Industries in collaboration with the Association and if there had been omission on their part, the association could have very well brought it to the notice of the company.

It was also reported to the Board by the Association that the Rasappa Chetty St., dealers were making conditional sale of washing soda to their members in that the latter were found to purchase 6½ annas worth of washing blue for every one viss of washing soda. This is denied by the Imperial Chemical Industries. So also, they deny the alleged Black market activities in Chintadripet. In fact, they have no authorised dealers in Chintadripet. The requirements of washermen in that locality is met by the T.U.C.S Branch and Rasappa Chetty St., dealers. They have, however, assured the Board that if any of their authorisation dealers who between them, handle about 40 tons a month is found guilty of malpractice, they will not hesitate to take severest action against them.

The Special Commercial Tax Officer, Madras was deputed by the Board to check the various statements of the Imperial Chemical Industries made in their letter cited and to suggest whether the mode of distribution can be improved in any way in order to minimise the number of complaints from the various associations. In his report cited the special Commercial Tax Officer while stating that the informal rationing system followed by the Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., is generally satisfactory has pointed out certain defects in the distribution of the article. They are being brought to the notice of the Imperial Chemical Industries for rectification and to see that the Rasappa Chetty Street dealers are

not allowed retail sales or if they do so, such sales are restricted only to Rationing card holders Similarly it is being suggested to the company that in this case of washermen who get supplies from T.U.C.S. Hranches, Ration card should be issued to them and arrangemens should also be made for the supplies of quantities to these branches in proportion to the number of cards linked to them.

The Board considers that the above arrangements will certainly minimise the number of complaints and there will be no room for further grievances also in view of the slightly improved supply position of the article. The distribution will however be watched by the Board for sometime. It does not therefore seem necessary to have any statutory control over the distribution of this p article by declaring it as an essential article under the Madr s Essential Articles Control and Requisition (Temporary Powers) Act, 1946.

C.D. Janakiraman,
Asst, Secretary.

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Copy of letter No. 39629/51/M3-5 CS dated 11.6.51 from the Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies) to the Secretary to Govt., Development Dept., Madras.

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Sub: The Supply and Prices of Goods Act, 1950- Suggestion for inclusion in the schedule to the Act

Ref: Government Development Department Memo. No. 25581/G/51-8 dated 14.5.51

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The Board requests to be informed of the stage at which the matter stands.

/// True copy///

Government of Madras
Development Department

Memorandum No. 25581 G/51-11 dated 16.6.51

Sub: Supply and Prices of Goods Act, 1950 - Additional Commodities - Inclusion in the schedule

Ref: From the Board of Revenue (C.S) [illegible]
No. 39629 M3.5 (CS) dated 11.6.51

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The Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies) is informed that the Government of India's decision in the matter is still awaited.

V.K. /16.6.51

/// True copy///

Dev. (G) Dept.

Letter No. 25581 G/51-12 dated 18.6.51

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Commerce and Industry,
New Delhi.

Sir,

Sub: Supply and Prices of Goods Act 1950- Additional Commodities - Inclusion in the schedule

Ref: Sri S.A.R. Chari's letter No. P.C. (22)/51 dated 12.4.51
ii. This Dept letter No. 25581 G/51-7 dated 24.4.51

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I am directed to enquire when the decision of Government of India in the matter may be expected.

Y.F.

V.K.
18.6.51

Copy of letter No. PC-2(22)/51 dated 25th June'51 from the Under Secretary to the Government of India Ministry of Commerce and Industry to All State Governments.

Sub: The Supply and Prices of Goods Act, 1950 - Review

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I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No. PC-2(22)/51 dated the 3rd March 1951 and to your letter No 25581 G/51-3 dated 21-3-51 on the subject mentioned above. It is proposed to hold the next meeting of the Prices Advisory Board in August 1951. I am to request that if the State Government desire to make any addtions or alterations to the report on the working of the Supply and Prices Act, 1950 already sent by them, these may kindly be forwarded before 10th July 1951. In the absence of a reply, it will be assu ed that the State Government have nothing to add to their report.

Sd/ P.S. Sundaram,
Under Secretary to Govt of India.

/// True copy///

Government of Madras
Development Department

Memorandum No. 25581 G.51.13 dated 28.6.51

Sub: Supply and Prices of Goods Act 1950 - Review of

Ref: From the Government of India, Ministry of Commerce and Industry Letter No. PC.2(22)/51 dated 25-6-51

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A copy of the Government of India letter cited is forwarded herewith to the Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies) / Director of Industries and Commerce ~~xxxxx~~.

2. The Board / D.I.& C is requested to state whether any additions or alterations are required to its / his report on the working of the Act in this State, submitted with its / his letter No. 39629-51 M.3.1 (C.S) / 1847 A.1 .51 dated 12/15 -3-51.

p.t.o.

3. A reply in the matter should reach Government before 5.7.51 without fail.

V.K/ 28.6.51

//// True copy////

Copy of letter No. 1847-A1/5 dated 30th June '51 from the Director of Industries and Commerce to the Secretary to Government Development Dept., Madras.

Sub: Supply and Prices of Goods Act - Soda Ash-

Ref: Government Memo. No. 25581 G/51-5 dated 4.4.51

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The Board of Revenue had already submited its reply to the Government Memo. cited in their L. Dis No. 60968/51/M3 CS dated 15.5.51. This Department was not in charge of the previous informations of Soda ash and information is therefore available in this department as to why it was given up.

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Copy of letter No. 1847-AI/51 dated the 28th June'51 from the Director of Industries and Commerce Madras to the Secretary to Government Development Department, Madras.

Sub: Supply and Prices of Goods Act, 1950- caustic soda and soda ash

Ref: This Office letter No. 1847-A1/51 dated 19-4-51
Government Memo No. 25581-G/51-10 Development dated 5.6.51

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The Police officer of the Anti Black Marketing staff to whom the matter was referred has not yet reported on the subject. He being reminded today to furnish his report if any. On receipt of reply from him, my further report to Government will be submitted.

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Copy of Reference No. 39629 /51/M3(CS) dated 3.7.1951 from the Secretary Board of Revenue (CS) to the Secretary to the Government Development Department Madras.

Sub: The Supply and Prices of Goods Act, 1950- Working - review of

Ref: Govt. Development Dept., Memo. No. 25581/G/51/13 dated 28.6.51

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With reference to the Government Memorandum cited, the Board submits that no additions or alterations are required to the re ort already sent, in the Board's reference of even No. dated 12.3.51.

/// True copy////

Dev. (G) Dept

Letter No. 25581 G/51-14 dated 10.7.51

To
The Secretary to Govt. of India
Ministry of Commerce and Industry,
New Delhi.

Sir,

Sub: The Supply and Prices of Goods Act, 1950-
Working of - Review

Ref: Sri P.S. Sundaram's letter No. P.C.-2
(22)51, dated 25.6.51

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In reply to the letter cited I am directed to state that no additions or laterations are necessary to the report on the working of the Supply and Prices of Goods Act, 1950, in this State, sent with this Govt's letter No. 25581 G/51-3, Dev. dated 21.3.51.

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Copy of ref. No. 39629/51 M3 CS, dated 23rd July'51 from the Bd of Rev. (Civil Supplies) to the Secretary to Govt Development Dept., Madras.

Sub: The Supply and Prices of Goods Act,50- Working of - Review

Ref: Govt. Development Dept., Memo No. 25581-G/51/13 dated 28.6.1951

2. Board's Ref. No. 29629/51-M3 (CS), dated 3.7.51

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The Board requests to be informed of the stage at which the matter stands now.

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sd/- Joint Secretary

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Government of Madras
Development Department

Memorandum No. 25581 G.51-16 dated 26.7.51

Sub: Supply and Prices of Goods Act, 1950 - working of - Review

Ref: From the Bd of Rev. (C.S) Ref No. 39629-51 M.3(CS) dated 23.7.51

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The Government of India have already been informed that no additions or alterations are necessary to the report on the working of the Supply and Prices of Goods Act, 1950, sent with this Government's and a copy of letter No. 25581 G.51.3 Development dated 21-3-51. A copy of that letter and a copy of this Government letter No. 25581 G.14 dated 10.7.51 to the Government of India enclosed.

/// True copy///

Copy of letter No. 1847-AI/51- dated the 4th August'51 from the Director of Industries and Commerce Madras to the Secretary to Government Development Department Madras.

Sub: Supply and Prices of Goods Act 1950 -
Review of
Government Memo No. 25581 G/51-13
dated 28.6.51

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With reference to the Government Memorandum cited above, I submit that I have no additions or alterations to make on my report submitted to Government in my letter No. 1847-AI/51 dated 15-3-51

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Copy of Ref No. 90091/51-M3- 13 dated 1-9-51 from the Joint Secretary Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies) to the Secretary to the Government Development Department Madras.

Sub: The Supply and Prices of Goods Act 1950- Soda Ash and Caustic Soda - Distribution of

Ref: Govt Development Dept Memo. No. 25581 G/51-18 dated 27.8.51

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With reference to the Government Memorandum cited the Board submits that the report called for in the Government Memorandum 25581/G/51-9 dated 24.5.51 has already been sent in the Board's Reference 90091/51/M3-9 (CS), dated 13-7-51, a copy of which is enclosed for ready reference.

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Copy of letter No. 1947 AI/51 dated 14-11-51 from the Director of Industries and Commerce Madras to the Secretary to Government Development Madras.

Sub: The Supply and Prices of Goods Act 1950- Caustic Soda and Soda Ash

Ref: Government Memorandum No. 25581 G/51-development dated 21-10-1951

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The report promised by the Inspector of Police (ABM) has not been received inspite of repeated reminders. I am therefore taking up the matter with the commissioner of Police, Madras. My reply will be submitted to Government on receipt of a reply from the Commissioner of Police.

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Copy of letter No. Ref. No.90091/51 M3-16(CS) dated 1-12-1951 from the Joint Secretary Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies) to the Secretary to Government Development Department, Madras.

Sub: The Sup ly and Prices of Goods Act, 1950- Controlled Commodities Soda Ash and Caustic Soda - Distribution of

Ref: Government Development Department. Memorandum No. 25581/G/51-21 dated 31-10-51

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The Board requsts to be informed as to when the orders of the Government may be expected in the matter.

//// True copy////

Development Deptt.

Memorandum No. 25581 G/51-21 dated 31-10-51

Sub: The Supply and Prices of Goods Act, 1950 - Controlled Commodities - Stockist - and Carnatic Soda - Distribution of

Ref: From the Board of Revenue (C.S) Ref. No.90091/51/M3-15 (CS) dated 25-10-51
Government Memo. No. 87202 G/5/51-8 dated 27-10-51

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The attention of the Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies) is invited to the Government Memorandum cited. Orders on the above subjects will be issued after the proposal for the introduction of informal rationing of Soda Ash and Caustic Soda, is received from the Director of Industries and Commerce.

Sd. A. Chandrasekhar,
Under Secretary to Govt.

Memorandum No. 25581 G/51-22 dated 31-10-51

Sub: Supply and Prices of Goods Act, 1950 - Caustic Soda and Soda Ash

Ref: Government Memorandum No. 25581 G/51-4 dated 31-3-51

From the Director of Industries and Commerce Letter No. 1847 -AI/51 dated 3-10-51

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The Director of Industries and Commerce is requested to state before 15-11-51 when his final report on the above subject may be expected.

A. Chandrasekhar,
Under Secretary to Government

/// True copy///

Development Dept.

Letter No. 25581 G/51-22 dated 1-11-51

To
The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Commerce and Industry,
New Delhi.

Sir,

Sub: The Supply and Prices of Goods Act, 1950
- Delegation of powers under section 4(1)
- Additional Committees - Inclusion of

Ref: This Government Letter No. 25581 G/51-3 dated 21.3.51
Shri P. S. Sundaram's letter No. PC-2(22) /51 dated 7-10-51

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I am directed to invte reference to Shri Sundram's letter cited and to enquire when the decision of the Prices Advisory Board may be expected.

2. I am also to invite reference to para 1 of this Government letter cited and to request that the decision of the Government of India on the question of delegation this Government with prices under section 4 (11) of the Supply and Prices of Goods Act, 1950, may kindly be communicated at an early date.

A.C/ Under Secretary
to Government.

/// True copy//

Copy of letter dated 28th June 1951 from Iperial Chemical Industries (India) Ltd, to the Joint Secretary to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Chepauk, Madras.

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Sub: The Supply and Prices of Goods Act 1950- & Soda Ash - Availability in the market at Controlled price.

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We refer to your letter No. 90091/51/M3 -2 (CS) dated 5th June and we now write to confirm the information already passed on at the recent interview you were good enough to give to Messrs. Taylor and Ayyangar of this company.

2. There is at present on acute shortage of Soda Ash and Caustic Soda in the State. This is mainly due to the import licensing policy of the Government of India who have only permitted established importers to bring in a fixed percentage of the quantities previoulsly imported. Such imports, as far as we are concerned, have been limited to 5% in the case of Soda Ash and 20% for Caustic Soda.

3. We understand that it was the intention of the Central Government that the further requirements of the various consumers and of the bazzar should be ment by the manufacturers in India and we suggest you should also enquire from them regarding their present supply position.

4. At the moment our stocks of Soda Ash and Caustic Soda are only sufficient to enable us meet a small proportion of the genuine requirements of our customers and, in our opinion, any attempt to introduce a permit system at this stage would merely result in a further deterioration in the general position. In any case such a system would have to include the supplies made available by the various manufacturers in this country.

5. On the first of this month the Government of India announced a revision of their import policy for Soda Ash and licences will in future be freely granted to all types of importers provided certain conditions are observed. This should help, but it must be remembered that the supply position in all overseas countries producing Soda Ash is difficult.

6. We have since been asked by the City Rationing Officer, Mount Road, Madras, to advise him of the names and addresses of dealers to whom we supply Soda Ash and Caustic Soda, the prices and the quantities last supplied, and finally, particulars of our stock position. A somewhat similar request has been received by our Cochin Office from the Checking Officer, Rationing Office, Fort Cochin.

7. It is evident from the references given that these letters have been sent out as a result of instructions from your Office. We have therefore informed both these officials that as we are already in correspondence with you on this subject no useful purpose would be served by bring them into the discussion.

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Co y of Board's Ref No. 90091/51/M3-9 (CS) dated 13.7.51 to the Secretary to the Government Development Department Madras.

Sub: The Supply and Prices of Goods Act 1950 - Caustic Soda and Soda ash - Availability - Report

Ref: Government Development Department Memorandum 25581/G/51-9 dated 24.5.51

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With reference to the Government Memorandum cited the Board submits that the reports so far received from the Collectors of Anantapur, North Arcot, South Arcot, Bellary, Chingleput, Cuddapah West Godavari, Kurnool, Nellore, Visakhapatnam and the City Rationing Officer, Madras indicate that the supply of caustic soda and soda Ash is limited and that this is due to the restrictions on imports. The Collectors of the districts mentioned above with the exception of Bellary and Cuddapah have reported t at the articles are not easily and readily available in the market and some of them have recommended to regulate their distribution by permits. The Board in this connection submits a copy of the letter dated 28-6-51 from M/S Imperial Chemical Industries (India) Ltd., Madras and submits that if as reported in the News Papers, the Imports of Soda Ash are made free to all applicants the supply position will be easy. The Board therefore considers that no control other than the prices control as at present over the articles will be necessary.

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Copy of Memorandum No. 25581 G.51.25 dated 7-12-51

Sub: Supply and Prices of Goods Act, 1950 - Controlled Commodities - Soda Ash and Caustic Soda - Distribution of

Ref: From the Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies) Ref. No. 90091-51 M.3 16 (C.S) dated 1-12-51

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The Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies) is informed that the Government have since approved the proposals of the Director of Industries and Commerce for introducing a system of informal rationing of Soda ash with a view to ensure equitable distribution among the bonafide consumers of the washermen community in this State. As suggested by the Director of Industries and Commerce the Government of India have also been addressed to allocate at least 3500 tons of Soda and Magadi ash exclusively for distribution among the washermen during 1952.

2. A copy of the Government Memorandum No. 87202 G.51-11 Development dated 3-12-51 together with the Director of Industries andCommerce's letter quoted therein, is forwarded herewith to the Board for information. A copy of this Government letter No. 87202 G.51.12 Development dated 3-12-51 to the Government of India is also enclosed.

// True copy//

Copy of letter No. 1847-AI/51 dated 7th December'51 from the Director of Industries and Commerce Madras to the Secretary to Government Development Madras.

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Sub: The Supply and Prices of Goods Act 1950 - Caustic Soda and Soda Ash

Ref: Government Memorandum No. 25581 G/51-4 Development dated 31-3-51 and my letter No.1847 AI/51 dated 19-4-1951

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In continuation of my letter cited above I submit my final report in the matter. The Inspector of Police, Anti Blackmarketing, Flower Bazar Police Station Madras who investigated the mat er has reported th t no case of Balckmarketing in caustic soda and soda ash could be detected successfully as the consumers were reluctant to cooperate with Antiblackmarketing in the matter and that they experience difficulty in distinguishing the Imported from the indigenous product to check that they are sold at prices fixed for them. Further he has stated that the dealers at Madras were frequently checked and no case of balckmarketing came to light. It is reported that he has checked the transactions of South India Corporation Ltd., 80 Sembudoss St., Madras M/S G.K. Galckstwalah, Areménian St., M/s Shw Timber Trading Co., Basin Bridge Road and M/S Poonja Thakersay & Co Mint St all at Madras and found them to be regular and in order. It is informed that the Antiblackmarketing squad is on the look out to detect and prevent cases of balckmarketing of the commodities. A Copy of the Inspector's letter No. 39994 J/51 dated 28-11-51 is enclosed for information of Government.

/// True copy///

Copy of letter No. 39394 J/51 dated 28-11-1951 from the Inspector of Police, Anti Blackmarketing Northern Range Madras to the Director of Industries and Commerce, Madras.

Sub: The Supply and Prices of Goods Act 1950 - Caustic Soda and Soda Ash - Enquiry - report Furnished

Ref: Your Rmk Office Condl. letter No. 1847 -AI/51 dated 24-51 and 14-11-51

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With reference to the above, the Anti Blackmarketing staff in the city carried on enquiries regarding sales of casutic Soda and Soda Ash in balckmarket. But no case could be detected successfully as the consumers were reluctant to cooperate in the matter. Difficulty is also being experienced in the matter of distinguishing imported and indigenous products of these commodities as the prices vary for each variety.

2. In the list of stockists of Caustic Soda and Soda Ash furnished by you five dealers are in Madras while the rest are in the different parts of the State. The Madras dealers were frequently checked and no balckmarketing trasaction came to light.

3. M/S South India Corporation Ltd., 80, Sembudoss St., Madras receive their sup lied from M/S Tomco S les Dept. Ltd., Vanniar St., Madras . They main tain regular accounts and issue bills and they furnish statements periodically to the wholesalers Tomco Sales Dept., who in turn submit quarterly return to Government of India. No irregularities were noticeable in their dealings.

4. M/S C.K. Calicotwalah, Armenian St., Madra M/s. Shaw Timber Tr ding Co., Basin Bridge Road, and M/s Poonja Thakersay & Co., Mint St., Madras who have im ort licences had no stock on hand from e arly this year and they are no longer importing these commodities.

5. A shart look out is being maintained by the A.B.M. squad to prevent and detect mal practices if any in this regard.

(True copy)

Copy of letter No. PC-2(22)/51 dated 11th December'51 from the Under Secretary to Government of India Ministry of Commerce and Industry New Delhi to the Secretary to the Govt. of Madras .

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Sub: Supply and Prices of Goods Act, 1950 - Delegation of powers under section 4(1) Additional Commodities - Inclusion of

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I am directed to refer to the correspondence resting with your letter No. 25581 G/51-24 dated the 3rd December 1951, on the above subject and to say that the meeting of the Prices Advisory Board scheduled for 20th November 1951 had to be cancelled as majority of the members of the Board were unable to attend. The meeting is now likely to be held in January 1952 only. The meeting is now likely to be held in January 1952 only. The decision of the Government of India, both in regard to delegation of powers under section 4(1) of the supply and Prices of Goods Act, 1950 and the inclusion of Additional commodities will be communicated to the State Government as soon as the meeting is held.

//// True copy///

Dev. G. Dept.

Sub: Supply and Prices of Goods Act 1951 - Review

Ref: From the Govt of India, Ministry of Commerce and Industry PC-2(22)/51, dated 3.3.51
(2) This Dept. D.O. 25581/G/51-1 dated 7.3.51
(3) From the Bd of Rev (C.S) No. 39629/51/M3-1 CS dated 12.3.51
(4) From the D.I.&C. 1847 A1/51, dated 15.3.51

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Please see Govt. of India letter at p.1.c.f. asking state Govts to review the working of the supply and Prices of Goods Act 1951 and to make suggestions if any regarding add tions to or alterations in the list of goods controlled by the Act, and the reports from the Bd of Rev. (C.S) and D.I. & C. at pps 9-11 c.f.

The adminsitrative control of the act is entrusted to the Bd. of Rev (C.S) and the D.I. & C. in respect of the goods specified against each below.

Board of Revenue (C.S)	Bicycles, Bicycle parts and accessories, Cycle tyres and tubes, Elec. Bulbs, Raw rubber Casein and Infant goods
D.I. & C.	Non-ferrous metals, Caustic Soda, Soda Ash, Tanning materials and Sulpher.

There have been same cases of violation of the Act. Wherever some technical irregularities were noticed, the dealers were let off with a warning. But in two cases prosecutions have been sanctioned for violation of the provisions of the Act.

It may be stated that the Act has been working satisfactorily in this State. As faras goods administred by the Bd of Rev are concerned no complaints have been received regarding the nonavailability of goods. The market is stated to be easy. It is however noticed that the prices of some of the goods fixed by Govt of India except in the case of Infants' foods have been slightly higher than the prevailing prices here. The portion marked 'X' on pp. 11 and 14 of 'W' may be perused in this connection. Complaint has been received regarding

the prices of 'Cow and g te' milk food Govt of India may be asked to fix up the prices.

As regards the goods administered by the D.I. & C it is reported that the dealers have been showing nil stock in respect of Soda Ash and Caustic Soda but the stock is available in black market. This is due to the fictitious sales effected by the dealers. This could be avoided if the dealers are prohibited from effecting sales except under permits issued by competant authority. Under Section 13(c) of the Act it is permissable to regulate the Sales by permits. The question may be t ken up separately with the Centre. For Orders. In view of the statement of the D.I. & C that Caustic Soda is available in Black market, it would seem necessary to pursue the detection of Black market in respect of this commodity instead of taking a complacent attitude. For Orders whether the D.I. & C may be asked to contact the Anti Black marketing staff in this regard. For Orders.

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As regards the suggestions regarding additions or alterations to the list of goods controlled, the D.I. & C has no remarks to offer. But the Bd of Rev (C.S) have stated that the following articles may be brought under the control.

i) Thermos flashs
ii) Fountain pens
iii) Fountain pen inks.(The question of exercising control over Parker Quink Ink is already under the consideration of the Govt of India
iv) Watches, Clocks and time pieces
v) Optical lenses
vi) Spectacle frames
vii) Camphor
viii) Mercuty
and x) Black lead pencils

The Govt of India have already been addressed in the matter and they have stated that the matter is under consideration. Govt of India may be reminded again. As regards inclusion of essential

commodities such as Edible oils chillies etc., under section 10(3) of the Act Govt of India have stated that they have decided not to include these articles. The suggestion of the Bd to include these articles under section need not be perused at present. For order

Subject to orders a draft letter to Govt. of India is submitted for consideration (After issue action with regard to A and B above will be taken separately).

V.K. /18.3.51

It will be rediculous to have a control price above the market price. The Control price will have to be revised to suit the changes in the market and the State Government should have such power delegated to it. We have addressed India for such powers India's attention may be invited to it in the draft X press for the powers.

xxxx/ 18.3 H.M.L./ 19.3 .

'A' above:

A revised drat embodying orders at A above is submitted for approval

xxxx/21-3-51 xxxx/21.3

Issued letter No. 25581/G/51 dated 21.3.51

With ref to 'A' and 'B' and p. 2 above two drafts are submitted for approval.

xxxxx/27.5.51

Issue draft to D.I.& C.

2. Soda Ash is commonly in demand by dhobies for washing ~~xxxx~~ of destribution is to be on ~~xxxxxx~~ permits issued it will lot of inconvenience to users especially in upcountry and villagers. Once before its supply was controlled and the control hadto be given up.

I thing for the reason the washermen found lot of difficulties to get it. Please examine why the last ~~ex~~ control was given up and whether we will be counting any difficulties by introducing control now.

xxx/ 30.3

Dy. Secretary's order above.

With ref to 'A' above it is submitted that previously the distribution was done through the Imperial Chemical Industries who issued ration cards. The reasons for giving up control is not definitely known. The pp relating to previous control is not readily treceable. The D.I. & C and the Bd of Rev may be consulted. A draft memo is submitted.

xxx/ V.A. xxxx/ 4.9

(Issued as Memo. 25581 G/51.5 dated 4.4.51)

Ref: From the Govt of India Letter No. PC.2(22)/51 dated 12.4.51

Please see the further reference on p. 21 c.f. from the Govt of India requesting for the statement showing the prices of additonal commodities since 1st June 1950, which this Govt recommended to India for consideration. The addtional commodities were recommended on the report furnished by the Bd ~~xx~~ in its ref. No. 105857/50/Ms (3) dated 4.9.50. Subject to orders a draft D.O. is submitted for approval.

Y.S./ 16.4.51 xxxxx/16.4

(Issued as D.O. No. 25581/G/51-6 dated 16.4.51)

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From the Bd of Rev (C.S) Ref. No. 39629-51 M.3 CS dated 11.6.51)
Issued as Memo No. 25581 G.51-11 d/ 16.6.51
(Issued as Lr. No. 25581 G.51-12 d/ 18.6.51
From the Government of India, Ministry of Commerce and Industry Lr. No. PC.2(22) 51 d/ 25-6-51)

The G of I's letter on p. 53 c.f.

may be perused.

This Govt's report at pp. 13-14 c.f. on the working of the Act was on the lines of the reports of the Bd of Rev. (CS) and D.I. & C at pp. 9-10 and 11 c.f. respy. The Bd. of Rev (CS) and D.I. & C may be asked to state before 5.7.51 whether any additions or alterations are now required to their previous report. Subject to orders a draft memo is submitted below for approval

V.K/ 28.6.51

From the D.I. & C Lr. No. 1847/-AI/51 dt 30.6.51
From the D.I. & C Lr. No. 1847 A1/51 dated 28.6.51

Please see the Lr from the D.I. & C on p. 57 c.f. in reply to Govt Memo at p. 19 c.f. A further report regarding to distribution of Caustic Soda under permit system has been called for from the Bd of Rev (C.S) and is awaited till 10.7.51 Further action on this may be taken after the receipt of Bd's reply.

Please also see D.I. & C's reply at p. 59 c.f. in reply to Govt Memo at p. 17 c.f. Further report from the D.I. & C in the matter may be awaited till 20.7.51.

V.K/ 2.7.51

(From the Bd of Rev.(CS) Ref. No. 39629/51 M.3(CS)d/3.7.51

The Memo as pp. 55-56 c.f. and the Bd's reply to it at p. 61 c.f. may be perused. The D.I. & C's reply in the matter has not so far been received. He may be reminded. Subject to orders a draft T.M. is submitted for approval.

Dev. (G)

Ref: From the Bd.'s Ref No. 39629/51-M3-3(CS) dated 20-4-51

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Please see the Govt of India's letter on p. 21 c.f. and the Bd.s reply at pp. 27-29 c.f. A copy of the statement showing the monthly prices of addl. commodities since 1st J..... 1950, furnished by the Bd at p. 29 c.f. may be sent to the Govt of India. A draft letter to Govt of India is submitted for approval.

D.K./24.4.51

~~Dated~~/ 24/4

(Issued as leter No. 25581 G/51-1 dated 24-4-51
(From the D.I.&C No.1847 AI/51 D/ 19.4.51)
(From the Bd of Rev L.Dis 60968/51 M3 C.S.d/15.5.53

Please see the Boards letter at p. 37 c.f. The Bd. may now be consulted w.r.t the suggestion for the distribution of caustic soda and soda ash through permits. The Bd may also be asked to furnish a copy of the Memo referred to at 'X' on page 37 c.f. as it has been destroyed. A draft memo is submitted below for approval.

V.K. /24.5.51

(Issued as Memo No. 25581 G.51-9 dated 24.4.51
From the Bd of Rev. (C.S) Ref No. 90091/51
M.3:4 (C.S) d/ 5.6.51)

With reference to para 2 of the memo on p. 39 c.f. the Bd has now submitted a copy of the Govt Memo No. 33990-K-47-1 Food d/ 6.8.47 together with that of its letter dated 28.7.47.

The Bd's detailed report called for in para 1 of the memo on p. 39 c.f. may be awaited till 10-7-51.

VK/12.6.51

awaited till 25.8.51 as already ordered.

V.K./14.8.51

Dev(G) Dept

(From the Bd. of Rev.) (CS) Ref No. 90091-51 M3-13
dated 1-9-1951

Plesase see the Bd's letter on p.69 c.f. and its enclosures on pp. 71-73 c.f. received in reply to the memo on p..39 c.f.

In the circumstances explained in the letter on p. 71 c.f the Bd is of the view that the present price control over 'Soda Ash' under the Supply and Prices of Goods Act,.1950 till suffice and that it is not necessary to regulate the distribution of the Chemical by permits under section 13(c) of the Act.

2. On a complaint from a Washermen's Association regarding non availability of Soda ash, H.M. (P.W) has suggested that the available stocks of Soda ash may be distributed through the Collectors of the Districts. While offering remarks on that suggestion, the D.I. & C has stated that if the Bd. agfees, the old informal rationing of the commodity may be revived. The Bd's remarks in the matter have been called for and are awaited separately.

3. Messrs. I.C.I have represented that their agents are being harassed for not supplying the entire stocks of the commodity and that they may be allowed to distribute the Chemical after reserving stocks required for their customers like Dyers, Soap manufacturers etc. The D.I. & C has submitted his remarks in the matter. As suggested by him the Bd's remarks are called for. Its remarks in the matter are awaited.

4. In the circumstances this may lie over till till the Bd's remarks are received and a decision is reached on the questions referred to above or 14-10-51 whichever is earlier.

10-7-51 whether any additions or alterations would be required to this Govt's report on the working of the Supply and Prices of Goods Act 1950. They also added that in the absence of a reply it would be assumed that the previous report would require no alterations or attitions.

As this Govt's report was based on the reports of the Bd of Rev (C.S) and D.I. & C they were asked to state before 5-7-51 whether their previous reports would require any revision.

The Bd of Rev. (C.S) has replied that its previous report needs no alterations a additions. The D.I. & C's report has not yet been received inspite of a reminder on 5-7-51.

It is not known whether D.I.& C's previous report will require any revision. This Govt's report was mainly based on the Bd's report.

In the circumstances in view of the urgency it is for orders whether the G of I may be informed that this Govt's previous report needs no revision. Subject to orders a draft letter is submitted below for approval.

xxxx/ 9.7.51 xxxxx/10.7

(Issued as Lr. No. 25681 G.81.14 dated 14.7.51)
From the Bd of Rev (C.S) Ref. No. 39629/51 R f. No. CS dated 23.7.51)
Issued as Memo No. 25581 G.51 16 dated 26.7.51)
From the D.I. & C Lr No. 1847 A.1/51 dated 4.8.51)

Ple see the D.I.& C's letter on p. 67 c.f. received in reply to the Govt Memo on pp. 55-56 c.f.

The G of I have already been informed in this Govt letter No. 25581 G.51- V4 Dev dated 10.7.51 that no additions or alterations to the report on the working of the Act in this State are necessary.

No action is therefore called for on the D.I. & C's present letter. His final report on the blackmarketing of Caustic Soda and Soda Ash may be

It is submitted that the Bd's remarks in the matter have been received. But the Krishna Collector's remarks are still awaited. This may therefore continue to lie over till 25-10-51 or till the receipt of the Collector's remarks. whichever is earler.

A.C/16.10

JS note at the botton of p. 9 above.

The relevant file continuing a proposal for the introduction of informal rationing of Soda Ash and Caustic Soda for distributing to the genuine consumers has since been submitted to US with a draft Memo to the D.I. & C. In view of this, further actio n w.r. to the Memos at pp. 19-39 c.f. read with the Bd's letters at p 37&71 cf need not be perused in this file. For Orders

2. A report is still due from the D.I. & C w.r. to the Memo at p. 17 c.f. His interim report will be found at p. 9 the Rt file. The Director will be on 30.x.51.

3/ The Govt of India will be reminded on 30-10-51 for their decision on the question of bringing there articles within the purview of the S.R. Action.

(Issued as Memo No. 25581 G.51 dated 31/10/51
Issued as Memo No. 25581 G/51-22 da ed 31-10-51
Issued as Lr. No. 25581 G/51 23 dated 31-10-51

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From the D.I & C Lr No. 1847 A.1/51 d/14-11-51)

The D.I & C's interim report on p. 77 c.f. may be perused. His final report may be awaited till 10-12-51.

A.C/14.10

(From the Bd of Rev (C.S) Ref. No. 90091.51 M.3.16 C.S dated 1-12-51
(Issued as Memo No. 25581 G.51.25 dated 7.12.51)
(From the D.I. & C Lr. No. 1847 A.1/51 dated 7-12-51)

Please see the D.I & C's letter on pp. 83 -84 c.f. recieved in reply to the Memo. on p. 17 c.f. Its enclosure on p. 85 c.f may also be perused.

In the circumstances explained by the D.I. & C no action seems called for in regard to the question of anti blackmarketing of caustic soda and Soda ash. For orders

A.C/13.12
S.A.14.12

The decision of the G of I in the matter of bringing additional commodities under the purview of the Supply and Prices of Goods Act, 1950 and delegating powers to this Govt under section 4(1) of the Act, may be awaited till 5-1-52.

A.C/ 13.12 S.A/14.12

(From the G. of I Ministry of Commerce and Industry Lr. No. Pc. 2(22) 51 dated 11.12.51)

To. US

The G of I letter on p. 87 c.f. may be perused with reference to para 1 on page 13 c.f. and para 3 on p. 14 c.f.

In the circumstances explained therein, their decision in the matter may be awaited till 1.3.1952.

The papers may now be recorded with a call Book Entry against 1.3.52 for reminding the G of I, if need be, in the matter. For Orders.

A.C./15.12

G.O. M.S. No. 6174
15/12/51

G.O. Ms No. 6174 dated 15.12.51

Acts and Rules - Supply and Prices of Goods Act, 1950 - Review of - Black marketing of Caustic Soda and Soda Ash - Report of enquiry by the Anti Black marketing staff - Delegation of Powers under 4(1) of the Act Inclusion of additional commodities - Correspondence with the Government of India - Papers Recorded.

A.C./15.12

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